

Dislocated Worker Program

LAID OFF? WE CAN HELP.



Workers who are unemployed or about to become unemployed may be eligible for services from Minnesota's Dislocated Worker program.

FREE services are available for workers who:

- Lose a job, through no fault of their own
- Are eligible for Unemployment Insurance
- May need help finding suitable employment quickly

What's in it for me?

Career planning and counseling

- Advice on making career decisions and developing job goals
- Personal planning
- Assessment tools

Job search assistance

- Workshops on preparing cover letters and resumes, interviewing and networking
- Finding 'hidden' jobs
- Job clubs

Counselor-approved training

- GED
- Workplace effectiveness skills
- Short-term training to brush up skills or get a new certification
- Long-term training for new skills in a new field

Support services

- Limited funds are available for expenses such as transportation or family care to help you achieve employment or training goals

What's next?

Information meetings with workers

Group meetings are held to explain the program, recruit volunteers to serve on a committee, and complete a brief survey that helps us understand the needs and concerns of the group as a whole.

Planning and selection committee meetings (1-3)

A committee of workers is formed to represent the needs of the affected workers and to choose a service provider who can best meet those needs. They work with the provider to plan the first steps of service delivery.

Project grant submitted and approved

In most cases, these services can begin within 24 hours after provider selection. The provider connects with the committee to refine a grant proposal to the State of Minnesota. The State must approve the grant application and verify that funds are available. Services can begin even while the grant application is pending.

NOTE: These steps illustrate an ideal case. This is our goal. Not every layoff works this way. The process can move slowly or quickly depending on the amount of employer engagement, the schedule of layoffs, and the availability of state and federal resources. We will do our best for our customers with whatever situation we face together with you.

Do I qualify?

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How do I apply?

We will put you in touch with a service provider.

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